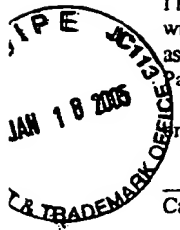


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Fred T. Parker, et al.	)	
Serial No.: 09/905,017	)	Examiner: Maiorino, Roz
Filed: July 13, 2001	)	Group Art Unit: 3763
MEDICAL DEVICE INCLUDING TUBE	)	
HAVING A BRAID AND EXPANDED COIL	)	

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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Dear Sir:

The undersigned attorney of record hereby requests a one (1) month extension of time through and until January 13, 2005, to respond to the final Office Action dated August 26, 2004, and the Advisory Action dated December 13, 2004, in the above-referenced matter. A first reply was filed within two months of the mailing date of the final action, and the Advisory Action was mailed after the end of the three-month statutory period. Therefore, it is believed that the shortened statutory period expired on

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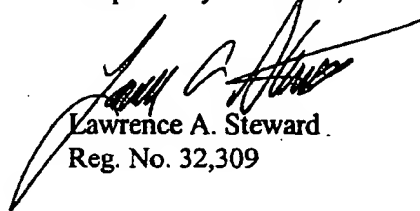
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the date that the Advisory Action was mailed, and the extension fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) has been calculated from the date of the Advisory Action.

The check submitted herewith is believed to include sufficient funds for the required extension fee as well as all other required fees. If the Commissioner determines that any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any defect or deficiency, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,



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